THE WIDE-AWAKE CIRCLE Boys' and Girls' Department

Rules For Young Writers. 1.—Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.
2.—Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3.—Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 350 words.

4-Original stories or letters only will 5-Write your name, age and address plainly at the battern of the story.

WIDE-AWARE POETRY.

A. Mystery "Pwas just a few short weeks ago neighbarhood was overrun children who thought less, Of pretty manner than of fun

But now when I go down the street I hear such gracious things as these. They're said in tones so very sweet— "Oh, thank you, sir," and "If you please."

"And are your children well today?"

"And lan't it a perfect fall?" "Oh, pardon me, what did you say?"
And "You go first! I am so small?"

It's such a change, you cannot guess Now who can solve the mystery? They were just terrors, nothing less! Now, they're polite as they can be. My little son, who's been a dear, Say's 'Well, Geo whiz, some i folics

are dumb! The reason that we act so queer

Youth. Free! I am free! a thing that knows not space.
I lift my eyes unto the hills; I sing

bring tear, a frown a final reckoning, of truns beside me-but I set the it. Free! I am free! and sister to the wind. My feet are dancing zephyrs set

My ha'r a tangled cloud that streams behind,
And down earth's beaten track my jenty of food for the coming winter.

When the summer days were drawing joining and the whole is a time of joining and thinking of the first their crops. When the harvest Jesus Christ. In conclusion I were down earth's beaten track my jenty of food for the coming winter.

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UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE-AWARES

In spite of the fact that the "allding" season is barely a week old, accidents in nearby cities and towns have caused

hould remember when they are sliding is to keep on the right hand side of the alli. It is dangerous to slide down a hill on the left hand side because automebiles and wagons going up the hill

the pead or river but it may be but a

1—Claire Lawless, Moosesp—The Camp Fire Girls in the Mountains. The Auto Boys on the Road,

3-Sarah Gill, Jewett City-The Girl 4-Louis LaFrance, Central Village-

5-Mirism Taylor, South Coventry-Little Prudy's Captain Horace. 6 Gordon Johnson, Baktic-Battling the Clouds.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. Holes Evanss, Pisinfield—I received your prize book, Billy Whiskers, and wish to thank you very much. I have read it all through and greatly, enjoyed

Mary Storrs Regisech, Hanke Hill—I was William. The two boys soon bewas more than pleased to receive the
prine book, Little Prudy's Causin Grace,
Helen Hurd, Taftville—Please secont

Boy came to live near Joe. His name some friends to play ball, we played
was William. The two boys soon beball for a long time, but Peggy never
took the ball again.

JOHN ROBINSON, Age 16.

Baltic. my thanks for the book you sent me last week. I enjoyed reading it very

Esther Goldstein, North Franklin-Please accept my thanks for the book. The Campdre Girls on the Marsh, you

LETTERS WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWARES.

A Good John On Min.

tened my footsteps and then ran as fast as my legs would carry me. I reached the koues and, entering, emplained my situation. To my surprise my listeners searted to laugh.

myself as quickly as possible and sitp-ped out. It was not far to the station and it was not a great while before I was seated in the train and gliding out. Christmas, I like Christmas day, I am was seated in the train and gliding out into the blackest morning I ever saw. Not a soul to speak to. I had plenty of money. I bought all I wanted in the buffet car. I arrived home with at my things. Going home I bought something for Agnes and Maurice, Guess was I was a pretty song we are learning. It is "America the Beautiful."

Attawaugan. thing for Agnes and Maurice, Guees what I saw when I arrived? Little Agnes running after me. She shouted to Maurice and he also came. He took my suit case and Aspes took my other bun-dle. Mother kissed me and took me

a very nice day.

I stayed at home about a week and returned. Father took me to the train. When I got back to school the teacher and the children were very glad to see me. The next year I studied hard and a holiday at school, and am free from did not have to slip out without telling work. When it is time for breaking up I know Christmas is drawing near. Shop-LOUIS LAFRANCE, Age 10. Central Village.

good crops in the fall.

When the summer days were drawing

follows me;

follows me;

For Touth is in my hands—and I see free! am free!

Herald

Fragee-Bower in New Tork

The next week was an expectation of the found they had continued they had so free and free!

The next week was an expectation of the found they had covering the found they

In nearby cities and towns have caused the men gathered wood for the fire, and er of my luck.

The next day was Sunday. Of course the death of at least one boy and remade benches, and large tables for the live to church and Sunday school.

wholescome, health giving and popular frightened and ran into the woods. The winter goort but it is very often danger hused by automobiles and electric cars.

Most of the accidents happen at street crossings and on curves on busy attention. One thing boys and girls corn nuts turkers and other there were popular to find out about the adventures of those one nuts turkers and other things. of atrosts. One thing boys and girle corn, nuts, turkeys and other things, FRANCIS J. SULLIVAN, Age 12.

The Eattle of Bunker Hill. Dear Uncle Jed: During the Revolution many exciting battles were fought, such as the Battle of Lexington and a great many others. I will now tell you about the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The fight at Lexington was over. Darkness closed upon the country and is liable to pass just at the moment your sied reaches the crossing. Keep away from such dangerous hills and rou will not run the risk of being crippled for life, if not killed outright.

And now about skating! Never skate Dear Uncle Jed: During the Revolu-And now about skating! Never skate of country the men, young and etd, withon thin to and take a chance that it out military training, rushed to the camp black. I like will held you. The ice may appear to of liberty. The bells of Boston had be thick enough around the edges of struck twelve before the first sod was When I go to thrown up.

> The British advanced in good order, her coop and then I get ready for school, steadily and slowly and with a confised at the steady and slowly and with a confised at the steady of the steady and slowly and with a confised at the steady and slowly and slowly and with a confised at the steady and slowly and s ateadily and slowly and with a confi-dent air, firing their muskets as they advanced. But they fired too soon and too high, doing little damage. They made attempts but they were all use-less. At last the Americans became helptess and were outnumbered by the British. Their fire slackened and began to die away. For some time they keep to die away. For some time they kept the enemy at bay with the butt end of their guns.

The Seashore Mystery.

"Let us go on shore and play." While they were playing Joe fell on a little mound. The mound caved in Joe found himself in a little room under the ground. Soon Joe called to William. When William came he saw Joe was in

a room under ground.
The two boys looked around the room The two boys looked around the room is was knitting stockings for her to see if they could find anything. There were letters on the wall. William put his was knitting her stockings was in her hand on one of the letters and the wall opened. They saw a box locked up with a huge lock. The two boys were so anxious to see what was in the box that they broke the lock and locked inside. They found valuable iswels.

JOHN GILL, Age 12.

Watched Robins Build Ness.

Dear Uncle Jed: Last spring I saw two rebins building a nest in a tree near my head bowed down.

Never again did my shadow sears me. CLATRE LAWLESS, Age 13.

Moosus.

Dear Uncle Jed: Last spring I saw two rebins building a nest in a tree near my house. While they were building the nest I had scarlet fever. I was siek upplainly. They gathered plenes of straw and string. They gathered plenes of straw and string. They gathered plenes of straw and string. They kept making the nest round and round until it was perfect. Then I saw four little robins. They were very cute. It was interesting to watch them open their mouths for food. Frestly soon the little birds began to five one of the birds was caught by a cast so there were only three birds (Centinned on Next Page, Col. Two)

left. I did not see any more of them after that. MIRIAM TAYLOR, Age 10. South Coventry.

was angry and said I should not leave school for Christmas holidays. Mother wrote it to me as kindly as possible and the children wrote too. They told me all of the good times they were going to have. It made me very sorry and I made up my mind that I would go home.

Long before night was over I dressed this week we've got the Victoria. Every week one room has it and mysail as anjedy as possible and circ. this week we have it.

My School.

Dear Uncle Jed: I haven't written in a dle. Mother kissed me and took me long time so I thought I would teil you about my school. I am in the sixth grade. We have many pictures in our school. This summer or early fall we mounted two monarch butterfiles, and one moth on milkweed fluff in a frame told her Santa Claus wouldn't leave her anything unless she went to bed early. Christmas morring Maurice. Agnes and I got up early to see what old Senta had brought us. We played games, ato candy and popcorn and had a very nice day. long time so I thought I would tell yo

The Joys of Christmas.

Dear Uncle Jed: One of the reasons why I like Christmas is because I have ping is a real pleasure for me at Christ-maa. I like to look around the shops to see if there is anything I would like. The decorations make me feel very The joy of youth untamed: I backward filing
The years as crystal raindrops from my face.
They melt in dust, and still I leap, I race.
I enward plungs, defying Time to bring
A tear, a frown, a final reckoning.

Life runs beside me—but I set the

The First Thanksgiving.

The Aller Living in the country I can realize the meaning of them and wishing amore than some other bors and girls. I indulge in the same not see them. One of my joys is decontaint the house with evergreens and late the hardships which the Pilgrims of the first Thanksgiving as I picture

Life runs beside me—but I set the

The First Thanksgiving.

The decorations make me feel very bright. I enjoy buying cards to send to my friends and relatives to show I am still thinking of them and wishing occupations and can more easily real-containt the house with evergreens and fastening mottos on the wall. I defer the first Thanksgiving as I picture

Life runs beside me—but I set the

During the summer days the energetic Pigrims tolled in their gardens, about this time and what is more enjoyable hold and weeded them to get good crops in the fall. Christmas on the whole is a time of re-GORDON JOHNSON, Age 9

Just Luck.

goodness in giving us our crops."

The next week was spent in cooking, hunting and gathering nuts and digging I was lucky. I was going home from clams. The men and Indians went hunting while the women and children were digging clams and gathering nuts. When the men returned from the work before Christmas that the city and was just stepping into the ward when something green attracted my attention. I stopped quickly and picked it up. It was a dollar and was hunting trip they had wild turkeys deer and other game.

The women then began cooking white the men gathers wood for the fire and er of my luck.

while coasting down snew and ice-covered hills are badly hurt and some are girls are badly hurt and some are shelesome, health giving and popular frightened and ran into the woods The wholesome, health giving and popular frightened and ran into the woods The workshelesome.

who had to go out into the world to seek their fortunes.

Some of the books I have read are: Penrod, Penrod and Sam, The Boy Al-lies Under Two flags, The Three Young Ranchmen. The Rario Boys' First Wire

Dear Uncle Jed: My rabbit is all lack. I like her because she likes to Then every man in his turn seized the she wants to play. Some times she will thin costing a few fest from shere. Be sure the ice is thick enough to support the cost is thick enough to support the cost is thick enough to support the cost is thick enough to support these tools plied that the parapet soon doesn't want to play when she does this.

My Pup Peggy. Dear Uncle Jed: I have a little dog. Dear Uncle Jeu: 1 nave a little dog. Her name is Peggy. She can turn a somersault, and she can sit on her hind legs. I have a lot of fun with her. One day when I was playing ball, I happened to drop it. She got hold of it in her mouth and ran away with it. I ran after her until I got tired. I went their guns. Then seeing that their efforts were useless. Prescott gave the word to retreat. When Washington heard the story of the fight he remark. ed that he was satisfied that the libertles of America would be preserved; and represented in the second state of the second Finally she stuck her nose in the hole and pulled out the ball. Thus she filled the hole again and came to me with the ball. I was glad to get the ball Jean Robinson, Baltic—I thank you been me. I Dear Uncle Jed: In a small village in Texas lived a poor little boy named Joe. Joe lived by the seashore. Soon a boy came to live near Joe. His name some friends to play ball. We played

A Visit to Grandmother. Dear Uncle Jed: Once when I was on a visit in the country I went to see my grandmother. When I arrived I found she was knitting stockings

Dear Uncle Jed: One night as I was coming home I was very much fright-sped by a man who kept following me, the horid and black he looked!

At the outskirts of the city was a inner rank was I to do? What would befall me? How fast my heart throbbed. At some distance I spied a light burning in one of the neighboring houses. If only I could reach there, thought I. Then, mittigs the action to the that thought I. Then, mittigs the action to the that hought I had fallen in. There was a place on the rank spied as my logs would carry me. I reached as my logs would carry me. I reached as my logs would carry me. I reached to work any more.

So anxious to see what was in the box that that they broke the lock and looked in-wind the ball. My grandmother then wind the ball. My grandmother then didn't notice her, so the kitten ran out of doors still unwinding the ball. to her work she found the yarn wisted at once to see the treasures.

After their fathers had looked over the place they saw a button and pressult to her work she found the yarn wisted around everything. Then she follow-went up. You would never know that it had fallen in. There was a place on the mound that if anybody touched, it would cave in.

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